

Prior law provided that the Dept. of Environmental Quality (DEQ) shall be composed of the executive office of the secretary and the offices of management and finance, air quality, and radiation protection, water resources, waste services, and legal affairs and enforcement.

New law retains the office of the secretary and the office of management and finance, abolishes the offices of air quality and radiation protection, water resources, waste services, and legal affairs and enforcement, and creates the office of environmental assessment, the office on environmental compliance, and the office of environmental services and provides for functions and duties.

Prior law empowered the secretary of DEQ to grant or deny permits, licenses, registrations, variances, or compliance schedules, and also the authority to delegate these powers to the Environmental Control Commission or the assistant secretary.

New law deletes the authority concerning registrations and deletes reference to the Environmental Control Commission.

New law further provides that notwithstanding prohibitions in existing law the secretary or appropriate assistant secretary may delegate the authority to execute minor permits, issue registrations, certifications, notices of deficiency, and notices of inclusion to an authorized representative.

Prior law provided that the undersecretary shall be responsible for the office of management and finance and shall be responsible for accounting, budget control, procurement and contract management, data processing, management and program analysis, and personnel and grants management for the department and all offices, subject to the overall direction and control of the secretary. New law adds information services and laboratory services to the duties of the undersecretary.

Prior law provided that each office within DEQ, except the office of management and finance, shall be under the immediate supervision of an

New law provides that the executive office of the secretary shall provide general oversight and supervision of the department, in addition to internal audits, technical advisory support, and communication. The office of the secretary shall also include the legal division, which shall provide legal consultation and representation.

New law deletes the provisions creating the office of air quality and radiation protection, the office of water resources, the office of waste services, and the office of legal affairs and providing for their respective duties. New law also repeals the discretion of the secretary to create a division of local programs and public participation and such other divisions as necessary.

New law also changes references in existing law from "office" to "department" concerning the powers and duties of the offices of air quality and radiation, water resources, waste services, and legal affairs.

New law creates the office of environmental assessment to provide environmental planning, evaluation, and technology and remediation services.

New law creates the office of environmental compliance to provide for surveillance of the regulated community and enforcement of environmental laws and regulations.

New law creates the office of environmental services to provide environmental assistance and issuance of permits, licenses, registrations, variances, exemptions, and certifications.

New law provides that each of the above offices, except the executive office of the secretary, shall be under the supervision and direction of an assistant secretary.

Prior law provided that the promulgation of rules and regulations shall be in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act. Prior law also provided that the secretary or any authorized assistant secretary shall make a scientific determination that the environmental and public health benefits of a proposed

licenses, variances, or compliance schedules.

Prior law provided that the office of the secretary shall have certain powers and duties regarding the Louisiana Water Control Law.

New law deletes references to the office of the secretary in the Water Control Law and substitutes "department" in its place with respect to water quality control.

New law deletes references to the office of water resources and substitutes "department" in its place.

Prior law provided that the office of waste services shall have certain powers and duties with respect to the Louisiana Solid Waste Management and Resource Recovery Law. Prior law further provided that the secretary is directed to adopt a system for issuing registrations, permits, and licenses and can delegate this authority to the assistant secretary of the office of waste services.

New law deletes the references to the office of waste services and substitutes "department" in its place.

New law further provides that the secretary can deny, as well as issue registrations, permits, and licenses and can delegate this authority to the appropriate assistant secretary.

Prior law provided that in the procedure for disbursements from the Tank Trust Fund to the Environmental Trust Fund, if the secretary finds that the funds are insufficient relative to the legislatively approved fiscal appropriation for the office of waste services for a given year, the secretary may order the treasurer to transfer only that amount needed to reach the authorized ceiling.

New law deletes reference to the office of waste services and inserts "department".

Existing law provides that the secretary shall furnish a copy of each permit or

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